

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 27 with the following rewritten version:

-- In this device, the engine torque is transmitted from the flywheel to the drive plate via the frictional coupling portion, and then transmitted to the driven member and the input shaft of the transmission via the spring damper. When torque that is greater than or equal to a fixed amount is input, sliding is generated in the frictional coupling portion and torque that exceeds this fixed amount will not be transmitted to the transmission. --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 11 with the following rewritten version:

-- The clutch disk assembly 5 is primarily ~~comprised~~ made of a clutch plate 11, a retaining plate 12 and a clutch disk 13 that in combination serve as an input rotary member, a spline hub 15 that serves as an output rotary member, and a damper mechanism 16 (damper) that is arranged between the input rotary member and the output rotary member. --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 26 with the following rewritten version:

-- The clutch disk 13 includes a cushioning plate 20 that is fixed to the outer peripheral portion of the clutch plate 11, and friction facings 21 that are fixed to both surfaces of the cushioning plate 20. The clutch disk 13 ~~comprises~~ includes the torque transmission controller 6 (described below). --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 30 with the following rewritten version:

-- A spline hub 15 ~~comprises~~ has a cylindrical boss 25 that extends in the axial direction and a disk-shaped hub flange 26 that extends from the boss 25 in the radial direction. The boss 25 and the hub flange 26 are formed as separate members, and both are elastically linked in the circumferential direction in a predetermined angular range and rigidly linked in the circumferential direction in a range that exceeds the predetermined angular range. A spline hole 25a that is engaged with the input shaft 3 of the transmission is formed in the inner peripheral portion of the boss 25. A plurality of notches that ~~are~~ is aligned in the rotational direction are formed in the hub flange 26. --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 18 with the following rewritten version:

-- The torque transmission controller 6 includes the clutch disk 13 of the clutch disk assembly 5, a first plate 30 and a second plate 31 having a uniform axial thickness and provided such that the friction facings 21 of the clutch disk 13 are interposed therebetween in the axial direction, a cone spring 32 (damper mechanism) that applies a grasping force to the first plate 30 and the second plate 31, and a ring-shaped cover member 33 that is disposed on the outer peripheral side of the clutch disk 13. --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 24 with the following rewritten version:

-- The first plate 30 is fixed to the lateral surface of the cover member 33 on the transmission side thereof by means of rivets 34. ~~A~~ An annular engagement projection 33a

that projects toward the inner periphery is formed on the edge of the inner peripheral portion of the cover member 33 on the engine side thereof. In the inner peripheral portion of the cover member 33, the second plate 31 is disposed such that the friction facings 21 are interposed between the first plate 30, and the cone spring 32 is compressed and disposed between the second plate 31 and the engagement projection 33a. With this configuration, the amount of torque capable of being transmitted is determined by means of the biasing force from the cone spring 32, the coefficient of friction of the friction facings 21, and the effective radius of the portions undergoing friction. When torque that exceeds the amount of torque capable of being transmitted is input from the engine side, sliding is produced in the portions undergoing friction and thus the amount of torque actually transmitted is limited to the amount of torque capable of being transmitted. --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 26 with the following rewritten version:

-- When the jig 40 is used to perform centering and assembly, the knock pins 43 of the jig 40 are aligned with the knock holes 33b of the cover member 33, and then the knock pins 43 are inserted into the holes 33b while setting the cover member 33 onto the jig 40. Note that the ~~rivets~~ knock pins 43 are set into the cover member 33 when this is performed. --